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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

CATHY A. CATTERSON
U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	No. 00-35803
Plaintiff-Appellee,)	
)	D.C. No. CV-00-5133 JET
)	D.C. No. CR-88-00034-JET
v.)	
)	MEMORANDUM*
PATRICK GRADY,)	
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Defendant-Appellant.)	
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Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Western District of Washington
Jack E. Tanner, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted April 8, 2003**
Seattle, Washington

Before: D.W. NELSON, THOMAS, Circuit Judges, and ILLSTON, District
Judge***

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or by the courts of this circuit except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

**This panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral
argument. See Fed.R.App.P. 34(a)(2).

*** The Honorable Susan Y. Illston, United States District Judge for the
Northern District of California, sitting by designation.

I.

In July, 1988, appellant Patrick Grady was convicted following jury trial of conspiracy to distribute cocaine (21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a) and 846), distribution of cocaine (21 U.S.C. § 841(a)) and several related telephone offenses (21 U.S.C. § 843(b)). In September, 1988, he was sentenced to 25 years of imprisonment. In June, 1990, following the Supreme Court's decision in Mistretta v. United States, 488 U.S. 361 (1989), he was resentenced under the Sentencing Guidelines to 293 months in prison followed by five years supervised release. He was not convicted of violating 21 U.S.C. § 848, the continuing criminal enterprise statute. He now argues that he was sentenced in violation of Richardson v. United States, 526 U.S. 813 (1999), because the jury was not asked to make a unanimous finding regarding the contested drug quantity that the sentencing court used to increase his sentence.

As appellant concedes, the Richardson holding applies only to those charged with or convicted of 21 U.S.C. § 848: “[A] jury in a federal criminal case brought under § 848 must unanimously agree not only that the defendant committed some ‘continuing series of violations’ but also that the defendant committed each of the individual ‘violations’ necessary to make up that ‘continuing series.’” Richardson, 526 U.S. at 816. Appellant argues, however, that the rationale of jury unanimity behind Richardson should apply to his claim. He argues that his rights to due process were violated when the sentencing court made drug quantity findings based on

evidence with which the jury was never presented and on which it never reached a unanimous verdict. However, Richardson dealt with the substantive elements of the continuing criminal enterprise statute, not to statutory sentencing factors.

Appellant also asserts that Apprendi v. New Jersey, 530 U.S. 466 (2000) would require that the jury decide the contested drug quantity in his case. However, Apprendi was decided long after appellant's conviction became final. It announced a new constitutional rule of criminal procedure which had not been announced at the time that appellant's conviction became final; and, as was decided by this court in United States v. Sanchez-Cervantes, 282 F.3d 664, 671 (9th Cir. 2002), does not apply retroactively to cases on collateral review.

II.

Prior to filing this challenge to the legality of his sentence, appellant had already filed one petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2255. He was therefore prohibited by AEDPA from filing another § 2255 petition, unless he first obtained certification from this Court that his petition was premised on newly discovered evidence or a new rule of constitutional law. Appellant has previously requested, and was denied, such certification from this court.

Appellant therefore couched this claim as a petition for habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241, even though this kind of challenge to the legality of the sentence must normally be brought pursuant to § 2255. He argues that he may do so here

under § 2255's savings clause: “Under the savings clause of § 2255 . . . a federal prisoner may file a habeas corpus petition pursuant to § 2241 to contest the legality of a sentence where his remedy under § 2255 is ‘inadequate or ineffective to test the legality of his detention.’” Hernandez v. Campbell, 204 F.3d 861, 865 (9th Cir. 2000) (citing 28 U.S.C. § 2255 and Moore v. Reno, 185 F.3d 1054, 1055 (9th Cir. 1999)). This exception has been applied where defendants have claimed “actual innocence” of the substantive offense, including at least one instance where the actual innocence claim was based on Richardson v. United States. See Jeffers v. Chandler, 234 F.3d 277 (5th Cir. 2000). Such an exception, however, does not apply to appellant, whose claim is not controlled by or affected by Richardson v. United States.

The district court correctly concluded that the § 2241 petition for writ of habeas corpus should be construed as a motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255, and the court correctly dismissed it as a second or successive petition not authorized by the Court of Appeals. 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3).

AFFIRMED.